

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 211

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 24, 2017

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "State Refugee Security
- 5 Act of 2017".

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF STATES TO REJECT RESETTLEMENT

- 2 **OF REFUGEES.**
- 3 Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
- 4 (8 U.S.C. 1157) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 5 lowing:
- 6 "(g) The Office of Refugee Resettlement shall notify
- 7 the State agency responsible for coordinating the place-
- 8 ment or resettlement of an alien eligible to be admitted
- 9 to the United States under this section not later than 21
- 10 days before the arrival of such alien in the State.
- 11 "(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
- 12 alien eligible to be admitted to the United States under
- 13 this section may not be placed or resettled in a State if
- 14 the Governor of that State certifies to the Director of the
- 15 Office of Refugee Resettlement that the Director has
- 16 failed, in the sole determination of the Governor, to pro-
- 17 vide adequate assurance that the alien does not present
- 18 a security risk to the State.".

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